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PURCHASING ITEM  
FOR  
COUNCIL AGENDA

1. Agenda Item Number:

41

2. Council Meeting Date:  
August 13, 2015

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL

3. Date Prepared: July 22, 2015

THROUGH: CITY MANAGER

4. Requesting Department: City Manager

5. SUBJECT: Purchase of mobile communication services and equipment

6. **RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends City Council approve the utilization of State of Arizona/Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) contract #ADSP013-034339, with T-Mobile USA, for the purchase of mobile communication services and equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$74,500.

7. **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:** The City has utilized T-Mobile for cellular service for mobile communications since May 2013. Mobile communications expenditures have been reduced by 50% as compared to the previous service provider. T-Mobile has worked diligently with the City to resolve cellular coverage across the City as needed to improve service. City departments utilize this agreement to purchase mobile communication devices and accessories, cellular voice minutes, and cellular data services for City-owned devices at a discounted rate.

8. **EVALUATION PROCESS:** The Arizona State Procurement Office adopted the WSCA contract through the signing of an addendum, thus making it a cooperative contract for statewide public entities to utilize. The primary contracted cellular service providers, T-Mobile, Verizon, AT&T and Sprint, were asked to present their plans for consolidated/pooled cellular services for the City based on the WSCA contract pricing. City staff evaluated the plans and conducted field tests to determine who offered the best service and rates. T-Mobile provided the most cost effective solution yielding the greatest savings, provided the best match to the City's requirements, and had the best overall plan.

9. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** Funds for mobile communication services and equipment will come from various departments' communication telephone service accounts.

10. **PROPOSED MOTION:** Move City Council approves the utilization of State of Arizona/WSCA contract #ADSP013-034339, with T-Mobile USA, for the purchase of mobile communication services and equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$74,500.

APPROVALS

11. Requesting Department

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12. Department Head

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